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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Patrick MIDOUX et al
Serial No.: 09/297,519
Filed: May 3, 1999
For: NOVEL...CELL MEMBRANES

600 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10016
August 29, 2000

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 16, 2000, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.

The Examiner has required a four-way restriction requirement. Group I includes claims 20 to 39, Group II is claims 41 and 42, Group III is claim 43 and Group IV is claim 44. The claims were deemed independent for the reasons set forth in the Office Action.

Applicants elect claims 20 to 39 for prosecution and reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to non-elected claims 41 to 44.

Since the first Office Action was merely a restriction requirement and due to the fact that the application was filed on

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May 3, 1999, a prompt examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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